

further extensions of time, not exceeding a period of three years, as the facts warrant."

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 465.—An Act Authorizing the issuance of patents to the State of South Dakota for park purposes of certain lands within the Custer State Park, now claimed under the United States general mining laws, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 11077.]
[Public, No. 583.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to issue to the State of South Dakota patents conveying title, but reserving the minerals therein, to any unpatented lands of the United States now held or claimed by virtue of locations made under the United States general mining laws, within the Custer State Park, not exceeding a total of two thousand acres, upon payment to the United States of \$1.25 per acre therefor, and upon evidence being furnished that all claim, right, title, and interest of such claimants have been transferred to the State or have been abandoned. Patents so issued to the State of South Dakota shall be conditioned upon the lands being used for park purposes, and provide for the reversion of the lands of the United States in the event of failure to so hold and use. The United States reserves all coal, oil, gas, or other minerals in the lands patented under this Act with the right, in case any of said patented lands are found by the Secretary of the Interior to be more valuable for the minerals therein than for park purposes, to provide, by special legislation, having due regard for the rights of the State of South Dakota, for the disposition and extraction of the coal, oil, gas, or other minerals therein: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act are limited to lands lying within the limits of the Custer State Park, within townships 3 and 4 south, range 6 east, and the east one-third of townships 3 and 4 south, range 5 east, Black Hills meridian.

Custer State Park.
South Dakota granted unpatented lands in.
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Payments, etc.

Reversion if not used for park purposes.

Mineral deposits.

Proviso.
Situation limited.

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CHAP. 466.—An Act To grant certain public lands to the State of Washington for park and other purposes.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 11210.]
[Public, No. 584.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lot 5 of section 2, township 16 north, range 2 west, Willamette meridian, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the State of Washington for park, recreation, playground, or public convenience purposes: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *Provided further*, That the grant herein is made subject to any valid existing claim or easements, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the State of Washington only for the purposes herein indicated, and if the said land, or any part thereof, shall be abandoned for such use, said land or such part shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare such a forfeiture of the grant and to restore said premises to the public domain, if at any time he shall determine that the State has, for more than one year, abandoned the land for the uses herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby said premises shall be restored to the public domain and freed from the operation of this grant.

Public lands.
Lot granted to Washington for park, etc.

Provisos.
Mineral deposits reserved.

Use restricted, etc.

Forfeiture if uses abandoned.

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